

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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FOR: SURGICAL SAW BLADE COUPLER

**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.114**

MAILSTOP RCE
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed February 21, 2008, and the Interview with the Examiner on June 18, 2008, please amend the claims as follows and consider the accompanying remarks. This Amendment has been prepared in accordance with the format of 37 CFR §1.121 to place the application in condition for allowance. A petition for a one-month extension of time and associated fee accompanies this Amendment. Since the 1 month extension date fell on a Saturday, the Amendment is timely filed because it was filed the following Monday. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and the required fee are also provided herewith.